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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered. The three (3) month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire December 16, 2004. Therefore, a petition for and the requisite fee for a three-month extension of time are filed herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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